

April 15, 1941.

Atty. Jerome Kessler,
Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Jerry:

I decided to drop you a line in case I do not get you on the phone today. We are playing the Birmingham Black Barons in Birmingham Sunday, May 4th. I would like you to send some publicity to Mr. Tom Hayes, Jr., #680 S. Lauderdale St., Memphis, Tenn. We should have a Birmingham boy, pitcher Carter on the team, but have not signed him to date, having contract trouble.

Did you contact Adler for me about the schedules.

We have just agreed to play that same game for the group in Jersey City, the Jewish Community Center and American Legion Post on Wednesday, June 18th at Roosevelt Stadium.

Now about my opening day ceremonies. I wonder if I will be able to get a letter from the Mayor, telling me he is going to issue the proclamation declaring May 11th 372nd Day, also one or a copy of his answer to you from Mr. Kimberline, head of the State Troopers. I would like to if possible send copies of these letters to the Colonel, I think that would help to make him feel more enthusiastic about the program.

I have also been thinking I should look into that box lunch angle. After all if the mens lunch hour is moved ahead an hour, they will probably not want to rush away from the Park after the game without stopping to talk to relatives and friends, which will make them very late for dinner, and if I can arrange to give them a box lunch, I think I would like to do it.

I wrote the Colonel yesterday and asked him to let me know on the basis of the present number of men in Camp how many we would be entertaining so we would be able to have some idea how big a job it will be. I will let you know as soon as I hear from him.

Very truly yours,

EM:CCJ